

AT THE OPERA HOUSES.

Fanny Davenport's "La Tosca" a Wonderful Play.

A TALK WITH MR. MACDOWELL.

He Played in "The Two Orphans" in Topeka Ten Years Ago—O'Neill Coming.

Those who saw Fanny Davenport in "La Tosca" last night, saw the finest acting that has ever been seen in this city. In "La Tosca" Miss Davenport plays one of her great roles, one that is suitable to her in every way. All the heights and depths of human passion are fathomed by this wonderful actress in the five acts that comprise Sardou's famous play, "La Tosca" is far superior to "Cleopatra" in dramatic work. It has not the scenic surroundings, although the interior of St. Andrew's church in Rome in the first act with the shrines and burning candles produced a fine effect. The intonation of the voices with the responses of the choir and the singing of an excellent tenor was delightful.

Miss Davenport wore several magnificent costumes. In the first act a crimson silk entr'acte; in the second a gorgeous white silk and lace costume with diamond and pearl necklace, a number of diamonds, a tiara of rubies and sapphires, and bracelets of pearls, emeralds and diamonds. The jewels Miss Davenport wore last night are said to be worth \$60,000.

The audience was stirred to intense enthusiasm by Miss Davenport's portrayal of the fury of the woman wronged. She was given four curtain calls.

Mr. Melbourne MacDowell as Scarpia, left little to be desired. The other members of the company did excellently, particularly Walter S. Craven as "Maria."

HE PLAYED IN TOPEKA.

Melbourne MacDowell's Exciting Experience Here Ten Years Ago.

Melbourne MacDowell, who has been almost as much a favorite as Fanny Davenport during their performances in the city, has had experiences in his stage career which would have discouraged those who had not been so enthusiastic in the hope of a bright future. For nearly an hour Mr. MacDowell talked with a *Journal* reporter at the Throop yesterday, and the experiences of his career were thrilling. He said he had done everything that betrays the life of an actor except eat railroad ties.

"I have had all the 'ups and downs' of a stage career; but don't you know that the 'downs' are sometimes more helpful than the 'ups.'

"From the size of 10 to 20 I was frequently a stowaway on ocean steamers, and after that experience my career as an actor began.

"It was right here in Topeka that my 'ups' began, and ten weeks after I left here and got back east, everything I touched turned to gold.

"That was nearly ten years ago and my appearance here was in the 'Two Orphans.'

"The company was known as the C. H. Smith company. Ed Gardner and myself were the leading men.

"I remember in a duel scene in the last act that the property man had forgotten our weapons and he was sent to the door for them and returning he had two carving knives. I have on both of my hands scars which remind me of those knives."

"Gardner and myself got mad at one another because of the cuts, which were accidental, but each thought it was carelessness on the part of the other, and we slapped each other vigorously.

"For such treatment I was let out of the company and borrowing some jewelry from one of the women in the company I managed to get back east.

"When I got to New York my good luck began and since then it has increased with every year. Yet I am more enthusiastic today, though, before ever my career as an actor. The stage is my life, and I am not discontented.

At this juncture Mr. MacDowell's valet came up to him and said: "Your wife is waiting for you up stairs." "All right my boy," said Mr. MacDowell, "I'll go there in a minute."

"There a boy that I picked up in San Francisco seven years ago. He was penniless, but now he has a bank account of about all he does is put on my account. Yet he is one of those indispensable boys and I think the world of him."

Mr. MacDowell married Fanny Davenport about five years ago, and was in her company about two years before their marriage.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

O'NEILL WHO HAS PLAYED "MONTE CRISTO" 3,000 Times, Will Play At Agua.

On Friday evening, at the Crawford Opera house, Fausto's Hill's Burlesque company will play a one night engagement.

On Saturday evening James O'Neill in "Monte Cristo" will be the attraction at the Grand.

Mr. O'Neill has played the part of Edmund Dantes over 3,000 times, and the part has become as associated with him that it would be considered little short of folly for anyone else to attempt it. No modern part has ever been written which calls for so much from the actor as the part of Edmund Dantes, but Mr. O'Neill's versatility is more than sufficient to meet the requirements. As Edmund Dantes he has the caresses grace, the brash heartiness and insinuating charm characteristic of the foisted sailor lad. As the Abbe he is quiet and has all the self-reliance of a bold man, and as the Count of Monte Cristo he is the high-strung mohammedan, full of blue blood and consciousness of breeding.

Gas Williams in "April Fool" will be the attraction at the Grand on Tuesday evening, January 30. Mr. Williams has always been a favorite in Topeka, and this year his entertainment will be for the benefit of the Odd Fellows.

Feld's Minstrels are the attraction for the evening of February 2.

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MRS. LEASE HERE.

She Says She's Not Going to California to Live.

Mary Elizabeth Lease is in the city today and will remain here the rest of the week.

"I have seen so much in the papers about my going to California," said Mrs. Lease, "and while it is possible that I may go there some time, yet I shall not for two or three years and perhaps not at all."

"While it is true that I have purchased land there, yet I do not expect necessarily to live there. I could remain in Kansas for some time at least and expect that perhaps I may have many interesting experiences before I give up my residence in Kansas."

Speaking of her proposed lectures against the administration, she said: "The papers have been truthful about them, but if I should begin on the administration, I should not stop with seven, but it would probably be seven times seven. However, I am not here to talk politics, but to speak of the abuses at the case which will come up early next month in the supreme court."

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The Elks are to have a new billboard table.

Captain P. H. Conley's Lapland dog enjoys this weather.

Eugene Ware is one of the judges on delivery at the Washburn contest.

The Wichita term of the United States court will probably adjourn tonight.

A musical recital will be given at Bethany college on Saturday evening.

Most of the lawyers attending the State Bar association are staying at the Copeland.

The coldest day of last winter the thermometer stood ten degrees below zero.

Irvine W. Douglass may become the manager of the Throop, under the reversion.

United States Marshal Dick Walker is in Wichita. He went directly there from the east.

Corbett seems to be the favorite among the local sports who are betting on the prize fight.

There will be five contestants in the Washburn college oratorical contest tomorrow night.

Frank Flemmenk, who was formerly private secretary to Senator P. B. Pinchot, is in the city.

The weather has moderated, at 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered zero.

Ten tramps were kept at the police station last night. The station is somewhat warmer than a box car.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star Lodge will give a reception tomorrow night to the Masonic societies of the city.

Col. J. R. McClure of Junction City, one of the old Democratic war horses, is attending the Bar association meeting.

There are sixty applicants for the civil service examination, which will be given here February 11th in the United States circuit court room.

A Topeka young man who wheeled a chair at the World's Fair, is now figuring on the same chair of iron at the Antwerp exposition in summer.

This is the day observed all over the United States in the day of prayer for colleges. A special programme was carried out at Washburn college.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel MacDowell went to the Hotel Lido, in Topeka, car after their dinner at the Throop last night. They left at 10 p.m. for St. Joe.

The Iowa Masonic library, which the 2nd and 3rd floor of the report of the Kansas State Historical Society, and both of these volumes are entirely out of print.

The case of John Atherton, was obtained a judgment against him by W. E. Stearns, as a stockholder of the United States Bayard's block, is to be appealed to the supreme court.

Secretary Chapter of the Kansas Day club, has received a dozen applications for tickets to the annual feed in excess of the number of plates, which can be held in the Copeland dining room.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Embrey, Judge James Humphrey of Junction City in his annual address, took for his subject the relations of the American lawyer to the people, and his influence on the commonwealth. In beginning, he spoke a good word for the bar associations by saying: "Men qualified as progressive, and by association to be expanded and improved in his profession."

"It is the function of the lawyer to take charge of the unselfish end of society."

To do this requires care and deliberate skill, and unselfishness not only may obstruct progress but be of irreparable injury.

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The speaker changed the trend of his address to more material things, and continued: "Two men put their values together and make a greater value, of which they are joint owners. A third party, the workman, is quite essential to the success of the enterprise. The latter of his necessary living expenses plus wear and tear, the wear and tear including the raising of children to take his place when he is worn out. It would be just as fair to reverse this picture, let the manufacturers get expenses plus wear and tear for a change."

Railroad legislation and state interference has not only been demonstrated positive, but necessary to secure the best results to which the people are entitled. Railroads are indispensable, but their interests makes them a power for great evil as well as good. They might sway the political and social life of the people. Interference thus far is restricted to charges, and it is sometimes impossible to tell which side is being wronged. The state should go further than this. The condition of the finances of the road should be made public property by the publication of monthly statements. Watered stock should be made a punishable crime. By this means bankruptcy and receivership should be made less frequent and the stockholders and the people would be better satisfied. The creation of fictitious capital should be entirely prohibited."

Referring to government ownership of railroads the speaker said, "There is too much vice and energy in this country to allow the business interests of the country to lapse into the hands of the government. Whatever else the government may do besides take care of the general good, don't put into its hands a business that will conflict with itself."

What Henry Wade Rogers Said.

The address of Henry Wade Rogers, L.L. D., of Chicago, president of the Northwestern University and late dean of the Ann Arbor law school, was a scholarly treatise on "The Law-Making Power."

Dr. Rogers is nearly as good a speaker as our own George B. Peck, and he received the thoughtful attention of every person in the hall. He wore a full dress suit and talked more than an hour. He said: "When the American government was founded it was realized that the law-making power should be kept separate from the law-executing and law-interpreting powers. To this end the legislative, executive and judicial branches have been kept distinct and separate. Of these, the legislative is the most powerful, and the founders of the country placed no restraints on it except the veto power. Too much legislation is as dan-

MILLIKEN IS CHOSEN.

The State Bar Association Elects Its President.

ON UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.

The Lawyers Discuss It and Say That Laws Should Be Enacted to Keep It Out.

The State Bar association elected officers this morning. The nominations had been left with the nominating committee who submitted their report at 9:30 this morning. Their report was adopted unanimously, and provides for the following officers:

President, John D. Milliken of McPherson.

Vice-president, F. L. Martin of Hutchinson.

Secretary, C. J. Brown of Topeka.

Treasurer, Howell Jones of Topeka.

Executive council—H. L. Alden, Hutchinson; L. L. Bond, Salina; Sam Kimble, Manhattan; J. W. Green, Lawrence; E. W. Moore, Wichita.

Delegates to the American Bar association—L. J. White, Kansas City; H. B. Welch, Topeka; H. W. Whiteside, Hutchinson; A. L. Ferry, Topeka; Charles W. Webster, McPherson; T. C. Wall, Wichita.

Delegates to the National Bar association—P. P. Harwick, Clay Center; W. C. Perry, Ft. Scott; W. H. Rossington of Topeka.

This morning's session was devoted wholly to the subject of immigration. It was opened by an able paper by Judge G. B. Spelman of Manhattan whose subject was "Naturalization." Mr. Spelman made three points: The exclusion from our shores of all undesirable elements, the elevation of qualifications for admission to citizenship, and the restriction of the right of suffrage to citizens only.

The discussion was led by A. J. Abbott of Garden City, and G. F. Gratzman of McPherson. A. B. Campbell and H. B. Welch also took part in the discussion, and the latter said he would like to have immigration reform begin at home, and he wanted the Bar association to begin the agitation of it. Nothing definite was done in this line today, but some action may be taken before the time of adjournment.

The speaker said that legislatures had degenerated in late years, and nearly all the questionable legislation has been enacted since 1848.

Dr. Rogers' address was greeted with applause, and he closed before completing it because he thought it was getting too late. It will be printed in the minutes of the association. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Rogers.

Among those admitted to the society were W. H. Bishop, Salina; J. McCabe Moore, Kansas City; D. W. Mulvane, Topeka; H. J. W. Davis, Kansas City; Judge Hamilton, Manhattan; McCullough, Kansas City; W. S. Rock, Spring Hill; H. L. Allen, Kansas City; Thomas L. Bond, Salina; E. S. Bratton, Colwich; George H. Hayes, Wichita; Frank Doster, Scott Rice, Rev. Dr. Anderson, Bernard Kelly, Rev. Dr. Embree, Dr. H. W. Holly, S. T. Howe, Merlin Mohler, Rev. J. B. Thomas.

Among those present last night were Chief Justice A. H. Horton and daughter; Associate Justices Johnson and Allen; Frank Doster, J. B. Larimer, A. A. Godwin, J. D. McFarland, Judge Handy, W. A. S. Bird and Mrs. Bird, Arthur McCabe, J. W. Davis, James A. Troutman, H. C. Root, W. A. Snook, Judge Siebhne, R. B. Welch and Mrs. Welch, Attorney General J. T. Little, J. G. Wood, John Grinnell, A. B. Campbell, C. J. Brown, A. B. Jeomore, J. H. Dennis, Judge Valentine, L. S. Ferry, A. W. Dama, T. F. Doran, Pat Conroy, H. G. Guy, F. H. Foster, J. T. Fulton, Scott Rice, Rev. Dr. Anderson, Bernard Kelly, Rev. Dr. Embree, Dr. H. W. Holly, S. T. Howe, Merlin Mohler, Rev. J. B. Thomas.

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Among those present last night were Sergeant Steve and Officers Dagg and Capron.

They were soon at the scene, but Moran was gone. The officers began a hunt for him, and Capron found him at the corner of Kansas Avenue and railroad street.

Moran told the officer that he had taken ten cents worth of carbolic acid and wanted to be "taken care of." He said he bought the acid at Lacey's. He was removed to the police headquarters about 9:30, and he now lies on a mattress in the court room, near the stove. Dr. Hibben expresses little hope for his recovery.

Mrs. Moran has asked that Moran be kept in confinement for fear he will kill her. The police think he would have done so this morning could he have found his revolver.

Where is my revolver?" Moran demanded when he had satisfied his vindictive disposition.

"I don't know," replied Mrs. Moran.